

Consul General Remarks  
at CARE Warehouse to Announce Insulin Deliveries  
May 22, 2007

Good Morning and thank you for joining us today to celebrate the partnership that exists between the U.S. government, CARE, and the Palestinian people. I am very pleased to be a part of this announcement of the U.S. government's on-going commitment to the Palestinian people.

Today we see the preparations being made by CARE to complete a series of emergency insulin deliveries funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. This shipment will go out on May 29. Two other shipments left this warehouse earlier in the month, bringing \$166,626 worth of insulin to 37 Palestinian hospitals and clinics that had been experiencing an insulin shortage.

A year ago, I stood in this same spot and congratulated USAID and CARE on a partnership that provided emergency dialysis equipment to Palestinian hospitals and clinics. Many of you were here with me at that time.

Since that day, USAID and its partner CARE, have delivered \$2.25 million worth of pharmaceutical and medical supplies for kidney dialysis and over \$700,000 worth of general pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to over 70 hospitals and clinics in the West Bank and Gaza.

They have also responded to emergency situations in the West Bank and Gaza such as delivering electric generators to NGO clinics in Gaza and medical supplies to hospitals in Gaza during peaks of violence there.

USAID's Emergency Medical Assistance Program also provided pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to clinics in Nablus and to medical service providers in Um Al Nasser in Gaza during emergency situations in both those locations.

These activities illustrate the deep commitment on the part of the American people to provide assistance to the Palestinian people. Our cooperation continues to support initiatives in areas of education, health, agriculture, and private sector development.

We are also working to help Palestinians realize their goal of having a viable, independent state, living side by side in peace and security with

Israel. The violence we have recently witnessed must not continue.

Palestinians and Israelis must be able to live their lives without fear.

Children must be able to attend schools in order to achieve their dreams.

The U.S. government continues to work with leaders on all sides to find a peaceful solution to the conflicts that exist here. As we all work towards achieving this goal, the U.S. government and the American people will continue to stand beside the Palestinian people and help to meet their needs. This insulin delivery is but one example of that commitment. The American people care about the Palestinian people, we are helping to meet those needs at this difficult time.

I want to thank Liz Sime (S-EYE-M), Salaam Kanaan and all of the members of the Emergency Medical Assistance Project team for working with USAID to make this shipment happen.

Thank you for joining us today.